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(b) whether there is any chance of the schemes being given effect to in the immediate future; and

(c) whether there is any other branch in the Educational department from which the revised scale of pay is still withheld; if not, whether there are any special reasons for delaying that of the school assistants alone?

A.—(a) No;
(b) The question does not arise;
(c) No. The latter part of the question does not arise.

Mr. K. Prabhakaran Tampan:—" May I ask when effect was given to the scheme of giving the initial salary of the secondary assistants' cadre, with reference to clause (a) of the question?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro:—" The answer is given there, Sir."

Recommendations of the Madras Education Committee.

445 Q.—Mr. P. Siva Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the recommendations of the Madras Education Committee have been considered by the Government and, if so, what action has been taken thereon?

A.—The report of the Education Committee is under consideration.

Mr. S. Satyamurti:—" May I ask the hon. the Minister for Education to say approximately when he hopes to be in a position to pass orders on the Report of the Education Committee?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro:—" Orders were passed on the Report, but on account of the financial liabilities involved, they are now under the consideration of the Finance Department."

Mr. P. Siva Rao:—" When are final orders likely to be passed?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro:—" I am not able to say when they may be passed, Sir."

Elementary Education.

446 Q.—Mr. P. Siva Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether he has formulated any scheme for the expansion of elementary education and, if so, whether it has received the sanction of the Government and when he proposes to bring it into effect?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the answer to question No. 366.

Industries.

The slaughter of bovine cattle in the Presidency.

447 Q.—Mr. S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to furnish information as to the exact number (or, in the absence of exact number, a fairly accurate number) of bovine cattle classified according to their kinds that are annually slaughtered in this Province for food and hides?

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A.—So far as information is available, the number of cattle slaughtered during the quinquennium ending with 1921–22 was as shown below :—

	Bulls.	Cows.	Calves.
Municipal areas	78,131	143,313	11,429
Local Board areas ...	(No information.)	90,637	13,509
Total ...	78,131	233,950	24,938

These figures must be regarded as approximate only. No information is available as to the precise purpose for which the cattle were slaughtered.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the staggering figures 78,000, 233,000, 24,000, etc., of cattle slaughtered in 1921–22, may I ask the hon. the Minister for Development whether he proposes to see that the law is altered, if necessary, with regard to permitting municipalities and local boards to prohibit slaughter of useful cattle in their areas ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" It is a very difficult matter, Sir, and I require notice of the question."

II

MOTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

STOPPING THE FURTHER AMALGAMATION OF VILLAGES.

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—" Sir, I have waited and hoped and I have been given this opportunity of moving this
11-15 a.m. Resolution for which I thank the House and for which at least the non-official side of it should be grateful to you, Sir, and to His Excellency. I gave notice of a Resolution in two parts, of which one was this :

'That this Council recommends to the Government that further grouping of villages may be forthwith stopped.'

" The other Resolution was :

'That this Council recommends to the Government that in the interests of the convenience of the people and of the efficiency of the service, the grouping of villages already carried out may be modified so as to increase the number of village officers and menials with a special care to preserve their hereditary rights.'

" But the ballot box has only given me one part of it, that is, the first portion, and I have much pleasure in moving it.

" It is not a party question. You, Sir, will see that a number of hon. Members of this House belonging to all parties have given notice of motions more or less of a similar nature agreeing with me, and at the same time adding something more. So, there will be no difficulty at all for me in getting this Resolution passed by this House. The only difficulty will be on the side of the Government. They will say : 'We have no money ; these are hard times ; we had better cut down a certain number of hands so that the other people might be given more pay '. Sir, the non-official Members of this House are more or less responsible for agitating for increase of pay to the village officers and menials. So long ago as the 4th of February 1912 I moved a Resolution in this House for increased pay to the village